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COUNTY CONTINUES DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAMS ***Free Assistance Still Available to Fire Victims in Unincorporated Areas***

Two programs that have already assisted hundreds of residents remove fire debris from their property are still available. Both the Debris Removal Program and Bin program remain in operation at no cost to those in unincorporated areas of the County whether or not they are insured.

Both programs are intended for disposal of fire debris from structures only. They do not include debris from foundations, sidewalks, swimming pools, driveways or large amounts of vegetation.

Free public disposal bins are available through the Bin Program and contractors will help clean property through the Debris Removal program. Fire victims interested can get more information or sign up through the County's Fire Debris Hotline at (877) 663-0391.

"The County is pleased to help people in burn areas clear property of debris," said Chairwoman Dianne Jacob. "We hope to make life that much easier for people struggling to recover from the wildfires and get rid of potentially hazardous materials."

Fifth District Supervisor Bill Horn said, "When we committed \$10 million to help fire victims with debris removal, we wanted to do everything possible to help people rebuild and prevent future problems such as mudslides. I'm pleased that the debris program has been so successful and that it's still available. This is exactly what these funds were intended to cover."

Victims who need to remove hazardous materials such as television sets and damaged propane tanks should call (877) 713-2784.

Volunteers are also needed to help with debris removal. Those interested should contact Volunteer San Diego at (858) 636-4128 or e-mail volunteer5@volunteersandiego.org.

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